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Chief Executive Officer

September 26, 2007

Richard Messer, Director
Petersen Automotive Museum Los Angeles
6060 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Dear Mr. Messer:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY VEHICLE COLLECTION

On September 7, 2007, Lari Sheehan and Steve Young discussed the transfer of the County's vehicle collection from the Petersen Museum to the Natural History Museum's (NHM) new leased space. As a follow-up to that conversation, our understanding is as follows:

- The Petersen Museum will move the agreed upon vehicles and all related items, assuring that:
 1. The collection is free of pests consistent with Section 3(a) of the County Collections Agreement of 2000; and
 2. The vehicles are set up at the new location under the direction of the NHM staff responsible for the collection. The NHM and the Petersen Museum staff will coordinate the move.
- The Petersen Museum will move all County vehicles and related items with the exception of:
 1. 1897 Anthony (currently in the Alternative Power exhibition)
 2. c.1900 Motorized wagon (currently in the Blacksmith shop alley)
 3. 1901 Breer (currently in the Blacksmith shop exhibition)
 4. 1911 American Underslung (currently in the Stuck in the Mud exhibition)
 5. 1915 Stutz (currently in the Board Track exhibition)
 6. 1963 Chrysler Turbine (currently in the Alternative Power exhibition)
 7. 1912 Franklin Model D roadster by Earl of Los Angeles

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- The seven vehicles listed above will remain in their present location at the Petersen Museum. A new one year loan agreement for exhibition purposes will be negotiated prior to the move of the remainder of the collection. The agreement will include the NHM's standard terms and form including the NHM's right to recall the loan for its own conservation, exhibition, or similar purposes, the Petersen's responsibility for return of the vehicles at the end of the loan, and a stipulation regarding the Petersen Museum's responsibility for insurance and care of the vehicles.
- The County and NHM will be solely responsible for making the tenant improvements in the new leased space necessary to accommodate the County vehicle collection.
- The County Collections Agreement and NHMF-PAMF Collections and Personal Property Agreement of March 2000 will be terminated. County Counsel is working to determine the most efficient means of accomplishing this termination.

I understand the new leased space is scheduled to be available within the next several weeks, and we will inform you when we have an exact date. We hope to accomplish the move as soon as possible after the new space is available. Therefore, we will need to have the new loan agreement in place soon. I am confident that our respective staffs will work cooperatively to ensure a smooth transition of the County vehicle collection to the new space. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Lari Sheehan at (213) 893-2477 or via e-mail at lsheehan@ceo.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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